

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY - ORIGINAL APPLICATION (UTILITY)

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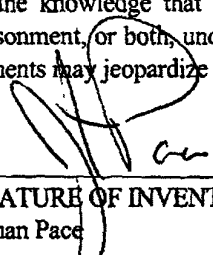
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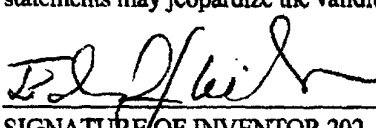

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We, the below named joint inventors of the subject patent application and previous provisional patent application 60/171,141, filed December 16, 1999, hereby state that we qualify as independent inventors as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees to the Patent and Trademark Office described in the Provisional Application listed above.

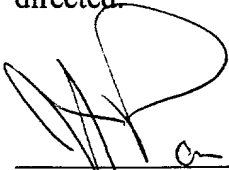
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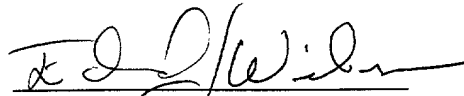
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